



Tayside Musketeers Basketball Club

Parent/Player Welcome Pack 2023/24

The aim of this pack is to provide parents/players, both new and existing with information about the club, the coaching and what you and your children can expect.

Tayside Musketeers Child and Vulnerable Adult Protection Policy

Responsibilities

Tayside Musketeers will:

- Promote the health and welfare of children and vulnerable adults by providing opportunities for them to take part in Basketball **safely**.
- Respect and promote the rights, wishes and feelings of children and vulnerable adults.
- Promote and implement appropriate procedures to safeguard the well being of children and vulnerable adults and protect them from abuse.
- Recruit, train, support and supervise its members to adopt best practice to safeguard and protect children and vulnerable adults from abuse and to minimise risk to themselves.
- Require members to adopt and abide by this Child and Vulnerable Adult Protection Policy and these Procedures.
- Respond to any allegations of misconduct or abuse of children or vulnerable adults in line with this Policy and these Procedures as well as implementing, where appropriate, the relevant disciplinary and appeals procedures.

Message from the CWPO

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to introduce myself as the Child Wellbeing and Protection Officer (CWPO) for Tayside Musketeers Basketball Club. If you have any concerns that you wish to discuss please do not hesitate to contact me via the following email address - taysidemusketeerscp@gmail.com

This account is monitored in conjunction with Tayside Musketeers/BasketballScotland's CWPO policies.

Many Thanks,

Vicki Smart

Details

Tayside Musketeers provides opportunities for all young people, their parents and volunteers to become involved in basketball. The club encourages fun, participation, sportsmanship and the social aspects of sport to anyone interested in participating. All we ask in return is that you respect the other members of the club, other teams and officials who support the game.

You will be provided with a player registration form, accompanied by a consent form that covers medical information. It also requires contact numbers, in case of emergency. Please ensure it is completed as soon as possible and returned via email to the club or appropriate coach.

Each age group has access to a first aid kit at all training and games either through our own first aid kits or through the facilities used to train or the organisers of game days.

Tayside Musketeers Club Training/ Match Details

The following sessions are available to young children:

Club Sessions

Monday -

Tuesday -

Wednesday - U10/12 (5.15 - 6.15, Saltire Sports Centre Arbroath)

Thursday - U12/14/16 (4.00 - 5.00, Saltire Sports Centre Arbroath)

Muskies/Active Schools Partnership Sessions

Monday - Primary 4 to 7 - Saltire Sports Centre

Wednesday - Primary 4 to 7 - Montrose Sports Centre

Games

Information regarding game days is and will be communicated through the use of My Club Hub and the Facebook pages. Over recent seasons game days have been held in Aberdeen and this is likely to continue, this being said if you are available to help with transport to and from these game days please let your child's Coach know so they can make other parents aware.

For all games, supporters with loud encouraging voices are always required and a great support to the children and coaches.

For all game days kits are provided on the day by the coaches in attendance, we require your child to bring lunch, snacks, suitable footwear and plenty of water or a refillable water bottle as well as items such as inhalers etc if your child requires them.

Tayside Musketeers Organisation

As with the majority of sports clubs, this club is run by volunteers. These people are players, parents and other supporters who give their time to ensure children benefit. They administer the club, conduct the coaching and transport children to activities and games.

Committee

The Club is run by the following people

Chairperson	Shannon Torrie
Vice Chairperson	Caitlin Milne
Secretary	Wendy Duke
Treasurer	Rosie Hill
Child Protection Officer	Vicki Smart
Coach Development Coordinator	Darren Logan
Merchandise Coordinator	Vicki Smart

Media Team - Shannon Torrie, Caitlin Milne, Stuart Fraser & Alannah Logan

Fundraising Team - Shannon Torrie, Darren Logan, Caitlin Milne, Steve Oakley, Alannah Logan, Andrew Allen

Committee Members – Kelvin Wallin, Chris McLeod, Stuart Gallacher, Gemma Hill, Charli Smart

These people work hard for the club and any assistance you can give them would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to find out more or volunteer for the club, please contact the club via email.

Volunteer Opportunities within Tayside Musketeers

Volunteers

The club is run by many volunteers providing small amounts of assistance. We understand the time commitments of parents and would happily appreciate any support available.

A few ways you can support the club include:

- Driving children to matches
- Running a fundraising event
 - Organising a Raffle
 - Donate an item for a raffle
 - Organise / supervise a bag packing session
- Assisting with organization of Annual fund-raising events (Quiz night)
- Organise a social event for the young members
- Coming onboard with the committee
- Anything else you see needs to be done.

If you would be interested in volunteering in any capacity please contact the club via the clubs email – TaysideMusketeers@gmail.com or Via the Facebook Page.

Member Guidelines

Tayside Musketeers is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the well being of all its members. The club believes that it is important that members, coaches, administrators and parents associated with the club should, at all times, show respect and understanding for the safety and welfare of others. Therefore, members are encouraged to be open at all times and to share any concerns or complaints that they may have about any aspect of the club by getting in touch with any of the committee or speaking to your child's coach at their session.

As a member of Tayside Musketeers Basketball Club you are expected to abide by the following club guidelines:

- All members must play within the rules and respect officials and their decisions.
- All members must respect opponents.
- All members, parents and supporters will conduct themselves in an orderly fashion and refrain from using language that is considered to give offense to others.
- All members should keep to agreed timings for training and competitions or inform their coach or team manager if they are going to be late.
- All members must wear suitable kit for training and match sessions, as agreed with the coach/team manager.
- All members must pay any fees for training or events promptly.
- Members are not allowed to take drugs of any kind whilst representing the club.
- Junior members are not allowed to smoke whilst representing the club at any competitions.
- Junior members are not allowed to consume alcohol whilst representing the club.

In addition, **basketballscotland's** Code of Conduct applies in all **basketballscotland** events and competitions.

Coaches Code of Conduct

The Tayside Musketeers Basketball Club supports and requires the following good practice by coaches when in contact with children and vulnerable adults.

- Do not tolerate acts of aggression.
- Provide feedback to players and other participants in a manner sensitive to their needs. Avoid overly negative feedback.
- Recognise players' rights to consult with other coaches and advisers. Cooperate fully with other specialists (for example, sports scientists, doctors and physiotherapists).
- Treat all players fairly within the context of their sporting activities, regardless of gender, race, place of origin, athletic potential, colour, sexual orientation, religion, political beliefs, socio-economic status and other conditions.
- Encourage and facilitate players' independence and responsibility for their own behaviour, performance, decisions and actions.
- Involve the players in decisions that affect them.
- Encourage players to respect one another and to expect respect for their worth as individuals regardless of their level of play.
- Ensure that the tasks and/or training set are suitable for age, experience, ability, and physical and psychological conditions of the players.
- Ensure any physical contact with players is appropriate to the situation and necessary for the player's skill development.
- Be acutely aware of the power that you as a coach develop with your players in the coaching relationship and avoid any sexual intimacy with players that could develop as a result.
- Avoid situations with your players that could be construed as compromising.
- Actively discourage the use of performance enhancing drugs, and the use of alcohol, tobacco and illegal substances.
- Do not exploit any coaching relationship to further personal, political or business interests at the expense of the best interest of your players.
- Accept and respect the role of officials in ensuring that competitions are conducted fairly and according to established rules.
- Know and abide by rules, regulations and standards, and encourage players to do likewise. Accept both the letter and the spirit of the rules.
- Be honest and ensure that qualifications are not misrepresented.

Parent & Guardian Code of Conduct

Parents and Guardians are amongst the greatest sources of influence for youth players and as such the club expects that they act in line with the Parent & Guardian Code of Conduct to ensure the best possible environment for children to play basketball.

- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of others.
- Remember that your child participates in sport for their own enjoyment, not yours.
- Focus on your child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.
- Never ridicule or yell at your child and other children for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- Show appreciation for good performance and skilful plays by all players (including opposing players).
- Demonstrate a high degree of individual responsibility especially when dealing with or in the vicinity of persons under 18 years of age, as your words and actions are an example.
- Respect officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise.
- Do not physically or verbally abuse or harass anyone associated with the sport (player, coach, umpire and so on).
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Be a positive role model.
- Understand the repercussions if you breach, or are aware of any breaches of, this code of behaviour

Spectators Code of Conduct

While the club encourages parents, friends, and the public to come and watch youth games, the club is committed to ensuring young players participate in an environment conducive to skill development, personal growth, and enjoyment. Therefore, spectators are expected to adhere to the Spectator Code of Conduct at all times.

- Respect the decisions of officials and teach young people to do the same.
- Never ridicule or scold a young player for making a mistake. Positive comments are motivational.
- Condemn the use of violence in any form, whether it is by other spectators, coaches, officials or players.
- Show respect for your team's opponents. Without them there would be no game.
- Do not use violence, harassment or abuse in any form (that is, do not use foul language, sledge or harass players, coaches, officials or other spectators).
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.